

The TRunnion

TR Register Lea Valley Group

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MEETINGS VENUE

Unless otherwise specified, all Group Lunchtime Meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at The Cock Inn, 23 High Street, Broom, Biggleswade SG18 9NA (Tel: 01767 314 411), commencing 12:00.

(Plenty of parking space behind pub).

N.B. This is a 'lunchtime meeting', not specifically a 'lunch meeting' – food is optional and you don't need to book.

WEB SITES

TR Register: www.tr-register.co.uk
TR Forum: www.tr-register.co.uk/forums
Lea Valley Group:
www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley

This following event list is provisional - a full calendar will be published in the next TRunnion, so NOW really is the time to let us know what events you want - old favourites, new events, new places, etc.

2012 EVENTS CALENDAR (subject to change)

*Events with an 'official' Lea Valley Group presence are shown in **bold type**. Please let me know of any other events that may be of interest to members and I will include them, plus any others I hear about, as well as 'official' LVG events.*

Mar. 4: Group Lunchtime Meeting

Mar. 4: Triumph Show & Spares Day, Stoneleigh

Mar. 17-18: CACCC Springing Up Tour

**Mar. 25: The Works TR4 Rally Cars, Baldock
A talk by Ian Cornish**

Apr. 1: Group Lunchtime Meeting

[Is this wise (or foolish)?!]

Apr. 22: MK Classic Tour (Drive It Day)

Apr. 28: Nostalgia Forum Motor Sport Film Show, Albury, Herts.

May 6: Group Lunchtime Meeting

May 6-7: Bedfordshire Classic Motor Show, Woburn Abbey

May 7: Novelty Dog Show, Broom – in aid of Hounds for Heroes – see advert in this issue.

May 19-20: STMD, Prescott

May 20: Classic Rally & Autojumble, Old Warden

May 20: Chiltern Hills Rally, Aston Clinton, Bucks

Jun. 3: Group Lunchtime Meeting

Jun. 9: Letchworth Classic & Vintage CC Picnic, Halls Green, Weston, Herts.

Jun. 10: Luton Festival of Transport, Stockwood Park, Luton

Jun. 17: Father's Classic Day Out, Woburn Abbey
(or possible alternative event at Marsworth)

Jun. 24: CACCC Tibbles' Tour

Jun. 30-Jul. 1: Retro show, Santa Pod

Jul. 1: Group Lunchtime Meeting

Jul. 4: Classics in the Walled Garden, Luton Hoo

Jul. 15: SBMC Kimbolton Fayre/Classic Car Show

Jul. 20-22: Silverstone Classic

Jul. 25: Classics on The Common, Harpenden.

Aug. 5: Group Lunchtime Meeting

Aug. 10-12: TRR International Weekend

Aug. 25: Camb Followers - Lincolnshire
Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirby
Aug. 26: Little Gransden Show & Flying Display
Aug. 26-27: Knebworth Classic Motor Show
Aug. 26-27: Oxfordshire Classic Car Show,
Blenheim Palace
Sep. 2: Group Lunchtime Meeting
Sep. 14-16: Goodwood Revival
Sep. 22-23: Kop Hillclimb, Princes Risborough
Sep. 29-30: CACCC Falling Down Tour
Oct. 7: Group Lunchtime Meeting
Oct. 7: TSSC All Triumph Day, IWE Duxford

Oct. 14: BMH Four Hour Relay Race – Snetterton
[All-Triumph team will be there!]
Oct. 20: Nostalgia Forum Motor Sport Film
Show, Albury, Herts.
Nov. 4: Group Lunchtime Meeting
Dec. 2: Group Lunchtime Meeting/AGM
Jan. 6, 2013: Group Lunchtime Meeting
40th Anniversary.
*Note that several of these events are
provisional. We have received a few new
event suggestions but would welcome many
more before finalising the calendar.*

THE WORKS TR4 RALLY CARS

Please see advertisement on back page for this event

I would also like to emphasise that, whilst it would help to know approximate numbers in advance, it is not essential to pre-book and that no-one will be turned away.

The following is an update from Ian's recent post on the Forum.

BONUS PACKAGE FOR BALDOCK ON 25TH MARCH!

I am delighted to be able to announce that I shall be supported on this occasion by two notables:

Honorary President, Graham Robson, who attended my previous presentations at Tring and Cray's Hill.

'TR4Tony' Tony Sheach, who will be driving a Powder Blue TR4 (either 3VC or 'Beastie').

Taken together, Tony and I will have a number of rally goodies of the type displayed in TR4@50 at the IWE2011 in Harrogate.

I feel that the presence of these two friends will make for an even more interesting occasion, and I urge you to grab the opportunity to meet and talk to two guys who have competition in their blood, and can compare & contrast (as exam papers put it) the competition scene as it was 50 years ago and is today.

Incidentally, I have taken on board the thoughts of Toronto Tim and others, and over the coming months will discuss with Chris Cunnington, Graham, my family and others how we might address the matter of recording such history for posterity - I know that sounds a bit pompous, but I think you will get my drift. I am greatly encouraged in this by the support received from Graham, from those who attended on the three occasions when I have presented thus far (the most recent being in County Durham on Tuesday this week), from Maddy (my wife), and also from my son and daughter-in-law, Alex & Sarah, who at some future date (and I hope it's a long while yet!) will be the custodians of 4VC.

Ian Cornish

Please pass on the invitation to any classic car friends and fellow petrol-heads.

Any volunteers to help on the day would be very much appreciated.

EDITORIAL

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the weather will have improved and there will be many more TRs in action. Recent meetings have been 'Wet, Wet Wet' or 'White, White, White' as evidenced by the photos below of 'all' the TRs that made it to the LVG February meeting!

In fact, apart from Lynda and myself, the only other member that arrived was Jon Marshall - even Diana declined! Personally, I enjoy the challenge, but sadly, that was the last of the snow and we were too busy to get out again before it was all gone. Who's afraid of a little bit of snow and salt?

Those who were at the group AGM and regular readers of 'TRunnion' will be aware that we are planning to introduce a little more variety into the events calendar this year with greater emphasis on using the cars, including mid-week/evening runs, visits to race meetings/sprints/hillclimbs, transport museums and other local groups, etc. Some new ideas have already surfaced but we really would welcome suggestions from all members in the area, especially newer members and those who cannot attend the regular monthly Sunday lunchtime meetings.

Those of us addicted to touring are already looking forward to some action in the next few weeks, including the CACCC Springing-Up Tour and MK Classic Tours' Drive It Day event with a drive on the Alpine Circuit at Millbrook, The Porsche Driving Experience at Silverstone and a visit to Prodrive to see their

famous display of competition cars including the new WRC Mini.

At the end of April, there is a Nostalgia Forum Motor Sport Film Show, with guest speaker, 5 times Grand Prix winner, John Watson MBE. Unfortunately, I will miss this, as we will be on a Sporting Bears tour in Cumbria, but Lynda and I have been to a couple of these quarterly events and can highly recommend them. The classic car season really takes off in May with too many potential shows to mention here, so make sure you are on my mailing list and keep checking on the website for exTRra events. And finally...

...everyone should be aware by now that LVG will shortly be hosting its first group event for some considerable time. The talk by Ian Cornish (with all-star supporting cast) is fast approaching.

Please make a note in your diaries and bear in mind Ian's comment on the TR Forum:

"...I shall be presenting to Lea Valley (and others) at Baldock on Sunday the 25th.

All are welcome (you don't need to be a regular attendee of the Local Groups) and it isn't just for the male petrol-heads, as the ladies who attended last year at Tring and at Crays Hill didn't go to sleep!"

I TRust the group will turn out in force to support this event, which has taken rather more effort to organise than we anticipated!



BrianC



Lea Valley Snow Patrol

In Memorium – Eddie Holden

As I write this issue of TRunnion, looking forward to another year of TR enjoyment, I am reminded that it is almost a year since Eddie passed away on 17th April. That was 'Drive It Day', and I'm sure all who knew him will be recalling happy memories of Eddie and thinking of Jean on that day this year (and of course on St. George's Day!)

**News, Rumours & Gossip
(or is it now Scuttlebutt?)**

TRunnion is supposed to be a newsletter, so here's where members can let everyone know what they have been up to or are planning to do with (or without!) their TRs.

In the last issue, I asked if anyone could suggest a better name for this section of TRunnion, so read on...

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From John Tasker:

Thanks for the newsletter

How about "Scuttlebutt" for the News, rumours and gossip section?

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Ahoy there Shipmate!

I confess I had to look up the definition of 'Scuttlebutt' and then it reawakened some long-dormant grey cells. I think this suggestion will make it into the first Scuttlebutt column - assuming no-one comes up with an alternative, in which case there may have to be a vote!

Hope to see you and your good lady again soon and have a proper chat.

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From Pete Muncer:

CACCC tours update.

Tibbles Tour June 24 - usual format, start at Holiday Inn Markyate, morning & afternoon checkpoint venues, lunch/BBQ at Jolly Coopers, Wardhedges, finish back at Carps. Arms with fish & chips and live music.

John Tarbox will be sending out official flyer next month.

Falling Down Tour - date change to Sep. 29/30 (which means it won't clash with Kop hill-climb?), based north of Coventry. Optional visit to Donington Collection (about 40 miles from hotel) on Saturday afternoon. More details later.

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Excellent news about the revised date. Kop hill-climb is definitely on my wish list for this year and I hope we can make it a group visit.

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From John Hewitt:

Thanks for an EXCELLENT TRunnion and the award was well deserved.

I have now sold my TR4A but I may soon have a Stag so will have to attend to any meeting in that, as long as I am not Black Balled!!!!

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Thanks John.

As for 'Black Balling', personally I don't care what colour you paint them! Any Triumph enthusiast, with or without an appropriate motor is welcome at LVG meetings - we don't even stipulate TR Register membership, although most do join fairly quickly once they have a TR. At least you will feel at home at the IWE this year, as Stags will undoubtedly be present in huge numbers with the SOC being the invited club.

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From Tony Wittering:

Many thanks for the emails which I shall look through in detail over the weekend. I have a 1962 TR4 from the USA which was re-imported about 1992 and converted to RH drive. The body work is very sound but the oily bits need some attention. Gearbox and back axle leak and the overdrive has stopped working which I think is electrical. So I have a bit of work to do. Grateful for any advice, The last Triumph I had was a Spitfire Mark 4 in the early 1970s. So the TR is a trip down memory lane for me.

Hope to meet up with you and the group members in the near future.

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Leaks are a fact of life with any TR and I doubt any are 100% oil-tight. There is plenty of evidence on the TR Forum and lots of advice on how to go about finding the major sources of outflow. The gearbox leak may account for the overdrive packing up - make sure the oil level is correct, regardless of what type of oil you use (and there is plenty of debate on the 'right' oil for an overdrive gearbox). The main thing though is to not run it too low or you will wreck both gearbox and overdrive (£££'s). Despite having had both rebuilt, I still top-up every 3000 miles and it's a small price to pay for peace of mind and the easy option to avoid having the unit out again. Thankfully, the engine uses very little oil despite hard use.

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From Tom Pringle:

TR Yoof Weekend 2012!!!! NEWS!!! This year's TR Yoof Weekend will be held at Santa Pod 29th June - 1st July. Starting Friday night, this weekend will be part of the Retro Show with a convoy run on Saturday taking in the Northants countryside and a visit to the TR Drivers Club National event nearby, a band and disco on Saturday night, a night out in Northampton, plus Drag runs on the Sunday available for just £25 unlimited all day, autotests and drifting experiences and other classics. Also a few special guests TBC soon! Get the date in your diary!!!! "

For more details see:

<http://www.tr-register.co.uk/forums/index.php?showtopic=33187>

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Santa Pod has been on my list of motor sport venues to visit for many years. Anyone fancy a run up there for the drag runs on Sunday?

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From David Randall:

Barking Mad Dog Training have made Hounds for Heroes the charity for 2012 and are holding an event on the 7th May at the training centre behind the White Horse at Broom. It would be an added attraction if Lea Valley displayed the TRs. Woburn is on the same day so it would be a question as to which one club members would prefer to attend. Hounds for Heroes is such a worthwhile charity and a good turnout of our cars would improve the attendance and fundraising.

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A number of members attending the March meeting at The Cock saw the flyer for this and expressed an interest in attending - especially those with dogs! It was suggested that we could go to the Woburn Classic Car Show on the Sunday for a change and still support this event on Monday. In fact, Lynda and I usually go on the Sunday as there are more bargains in the autojumble. However, I'm not sure if Lynda and I will be able to make Woburn as we will be back from a SBMC tour and holiday in Cumbria late on Saturday, but will be at Broom on Monday. Please call David on 01234-302033 or email d.randall23@ntlworld.com to check times for the dog show. Contact Paul Richardson as usual for Woburn arrangements.

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From Peter Parkinson:

A reminder that the Lancaster Bomber will be making taxi runs at 13:00 and 15:00 during the Camb Followers visit to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre on 25th August. If you want, you can pay to have a taxi run, I don't know what it costs, but give them a ring, you may need to book in advance. The entry fee is £4.00, paid on the day.

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I have checked this – the taxi runs are fully booked until April 2013. At £220 per person, I suspect that is academic for most of us!

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Reminder to new members: All 2011 TRunnions are available on the website. The 2012 events calendar is under development so please send any suggestions to Paul. New ideas for events are always welcome, especially from newer and younger members!

Some events and venues suggested during the past year, plus a few random thoughts:

- Preserved steam railways
- Motoring museums
- Bressingham Steam & Gardens
- Thursford Collection
- Race meetings (Silverstone/Snetterton)
- Drag racing at Santa Pod
- Track days (own car or circuit car)
- Group barbecue/picnic
- New members day
- Mid-week/evening runs
- Visits to other local groups & car clubs
- Technical meetings (see next page)
- Hill climbs/sprints
- Film shows/quizzes
- Ten-pin bowling
- Indoor karting
- Inter-group games challenge
- Classic car gatherings (Hertford Heath/Stony Stratford/Barrington)

I'm sure you can all come up with others

[In case you have a feeling of déjà vu, I did publish this in the previous issue but it's not too late to make some (polite) suggestions.]

Meanwhile, thanks to those at the March meeting that came up with the following:

- Hendon Museum
- Quainton Railway Centre
- Milton Keynes Transport Day (Sept. 16th)
- Panshanger Classic Car Day (Sept ??)
- Olde Watermill Classic Car Rally, Barton

Hounds For Heroes

It has been suggested that the group supports Hounds For Heroes this year, so this local event gives us an opportunity to get involved and to also investigate 'the other pub' in Broom!

A FAMILY DAY OUT NOT TO BE MISSED!

barkingmaddts

DOG TRAINING & BEHAVIOURAL CENTRES

NOVELTY DOG SHOW



Mon 7th May

To be held in field behind
White Horse Pub in Broom
9.30 - 5pm



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Charity dog show in aid of Hounds for Heroes.

- Pedigree and novelty classes.
- Lots of Rosettes and Best in Show trophy to be won!
- Lots of games and stalls for you and your dog to enjoy!

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AUGUST 2012 - HOUNDS FOR HEROES

This year all proceeds go to Hounds for Heroes and we're combining monies raised with that raised by the amazing Paul Nelson and Gerald Tir when they do their tandem cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats in August. Their target is to raise £20,000 which is what it costs to buy and train a dog.

ALL proceeds in aid of Hounds for Heroes
Charity Registration No. 1134359

CLASSES START AT 10am PROMPT!

- Class 1: Best pedigree puppy 6 months to 1 year
- Class 2: Best pedigree 1 year and over
- Class 3: Best pedigree gundog
- Class 4: Best pedigree terrier
- Class 5: Best pedigree sighthound
- Class 6: Best cross breed - any age
- Class 7: Best Veteran - 7 years and over
- Class 8: Best condition
- Class 9: Handsomest dog
- Class 10: Prettiest bitch
- Class 11: Best child handler
- Class 12: Waggiest tail
- Class 13: Most talented dog
- Class 14: Dog judge would most like to take home
- Class 15: Best in show (open to all winners of above classes)

Classes
£1
each

Many more fun things going on at the show for you and your dog to enjoy including flyball, world's strongest dog, mini agility, fastest search and more!



ABOUT US

Hounds For Heroes started out as the dream of one man. Allen Parton a Royal Navy Veteran of the first Gulf War suffered severe physical and mental trauma whilst on duty. The arrival of an assistance dog by the name of Endal transformed his life and that of his family.

The charity's purpose is to provide specially trained assistance dogs to injured and disabled men and women of both the UK Armed forces and Civilian Emergency Services. Through this provision the charity hopes to give it's clients an enhanced quality of life in line with their expectations. The charity will also be able to provide help and practical support to help them achieve this.



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Currently there are over 900,000 injured servicemen and women in the country and that number continues to grow on a daily basis. The unique mental attitude of serving personnel, and of those in the emergency services means that only a handful so far have chosen to have an assistance dog provided by the civilian offerings. When the guns fall silent on the battlefield. or the sirens stop wailing in the streets, the battle with disability, trauma and bereavement go on forever for all those affected. It is in the aftermath of conflict and trauma that Hounds For Heroes dogs will come into their own. Taught to problem solve, and to be intuitive, our dogs will remove the sense of disability in the client's life and replace it with a feeling of ability.

Hounds For Heroes will partner a client with a "cadet" dog, enabling them to start the journey that will restore their dignity and self worth. Through the partnership they will regain the unique feeling of loyalty, trust and team spirit that is lost on leaving the military or civilian services.

Support us on www.houndsforheroes.com

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Don't forget: Jean Holden will have a stall at the Meppershall Fete on Saturday 30th June, selling items to raise money for Hounds For Heroes. She would like some classic cars to display and the theme is British cars. Contact Jean on 01462-815161 if you have a car suitable for display, or items for sale, please.

Nostalgia Forum Motor Sport Film Show - 28th January

Lynda and I were extremely fortunate to get places at this very popular and over-subscribed event. Jackie Oliver may have been the star attraction, but I think we were all pleased and honoured by the attendance of Murray Walker. It was great to see and hear him in such good form. This was the second time I've been to an event involving Murray and he really is a very entertaining speaker as well as a walking motor sport encyclopaedia. I suspect Jackie and Murray could have continued their double-act for the whole day. However, there were some rare motor sport films to squeeze in and a lunchtime quiz, together with an informative talk by Andrew Kitson on Snetterton, with interesting slides showing the development from active World War II airfield, through humble motor sport beginnings to the present well-used circuit (and I really must go there this year – maybe a group outing?)

Finally, there was an auction, which included a huge amount of exotic and esoteric (=expensive!) memorabilia and an almost unprecedented and priceless McLaren factory tour for 2 people by arrangement with Neil Oatley. Unsurprisingly, we were merely spectators for this part of the proceedings. I've included a few photos provided by the organiser, but, as with all these events, there is no substitute for the atmosphere of being there amongst fellow motor sport and historic car enthusiasts. You really wouldn't believe the standard of the quizzes and knowledge of many of the audience.

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From Richard Hinton:

Here are a few pictures from our last show on 28th January when we were privileged to have Jackie Oliver and Murray Walker as our main guest speakers and Andrew Kitson did a talk on the History of Snetterton race circuit.



A full house



Jackie Oliver talking to Murray Walker



Lotus 61 Formula Ford



Andrew Kitson on the history of Snetterton



The charity auction raised £3250 for the children's hospice



Jackie & Murray

[Lea Valley Group Website](http://www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley)

The TR Register supported LVG website is www.groups.tr-register.co.uk/lea-valley and is the first place to check for any additional events or final details.

*I am relying on **everyone** to provide input for both TRunnion and the website, especially **photographs** for the gallery.*

Technical Meetings

Following on from Julian Hensman's proposal in the last TRunnion, to hold occasional technical meetings, I have received this from Ian Cornish which might provide food for thought.

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TR INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND – TECHNICAL SEMINARS

There has been discussion on the Forum about the difficulties experienced by younger TR owners who don't have the knowledge and confidence to tackle the routine maintenance of their TRs. They have grown-up at a time when only a garage equipped with special tools and equipment can undertake even the most mundane of jobs on modern machinery and their fathers may well be in the same position. In contrast, the TR is an extremely simple beast, access in general is pretty good, and is not at all difficult to service and maintain the car with just a few tools and some knowledge. Old farts like me grew up with such simple, old and often second-hand cars and we had family who were used to undertaking the routine jobs, so we learned early on how to check and keep our cars in good running order.

What we need is a simple Seminar, lasting about one hour (plus questions afterwards!), dedicated solely to the **simple** maintenance tasks – **not** the re-build of your engine with new pistons, liners, camshaft etc!

I envisage the following could be included:

- Working safely - chocks, jacks, axle stands, ramps; where to lift & support
- Tools – the minimum set required for TR maintenance: ring & open-ended AF spanners, AF socket set, feeler gauges (Imperial), screwdrivers, pliers etc
- Checking & topping-up fluids - oil, water, brakes, clutch, dashpots etc

- Use of **correct type** of anti-freeze and how to install
- Greasing – what, where, how much
- Engine oil & filter change
- Gearbox & rear axle oil changes
- Changing/setting points & plugs
- Checking & adjusting fan belt
- Checking & replacing thermostat
- Checking & adjusting front wheel bearings
- Checking for wear in front suspension parts
- Checking for wear in propeller shaft universal joints
- Adjusting the brakes (front for TR2 & early TR3, rear and handbrake for all)
- Changing disc pads (including avoidance of master cylinder overflow!)
- Checking tyres and spotting problems such as uneven wear, damage etc

It might be useful to have two cars:

- live-axle/drum-braked/Burman-steering/4-cyl/carbs
- IRS/disk-braked/R&P/6-cyl/PI.

A TR2/3 and TR5/6 would cover almost every aspect of basic servicing. I sent an earlier version of this document to Steve Hall (TR Enterprises) last June, asking whether he would be prepared to provide a TR and run such a Seminar at Harrogate, and he said he was willing – worth trying for this year's International at Malvern. It might not even be necessary for Steve (or other professional) to supply a car (or cars), as I'm sure there would be plenty of willing volunteers to provide a demonstrator.

A short article in TR Action prior to the seminar would set the scene and could provide handout notes for the session itself.

Ian Cornish

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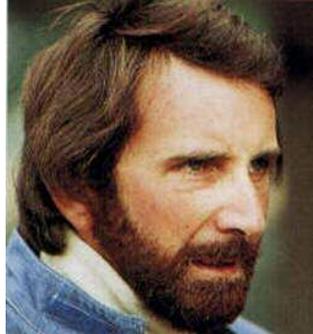
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*In case you missed my appeal in previous issues of TRunnion to encourage more of you to contribute, I will be pleased to hear from **rebuilders**, **racers**, **rallyists**, **tourists**, **concours specialists** and especially **partners** and **new** or even **prospective TR owners***

Nostalgia Forum - Motor Sport Film Show Saturday 28th April - John Watson

From Richard Hinton:

I am very pleased to announce that our next film show event will be on Saturday 28th April 2012 and our guest speaker on that day will be 5 times Grand prix winner John Watson MBE



John drove for Hexagon, Brabham, Surtees, Lotus, Penske, McLaren, Porsche, Jaguar and others in a long and highly successful career winning the British GP at Silverstone in 1981. With 20 top 3 finishes in GPs. Sportscars with Porsche, Le Mans for Jaguar He then turned to commentating with Eurosport, the BBC and Sky, which he still does.

John will be telling us about his life and times in motor sport in conversation over 90 minutes

All the days usual features an outdoor Barbeque on the terrace overlooking green fields at lunchtime, the quiz, a talk on the history of Brands Hatch afternoon tea and cakes and 3 hours of lovely old archive films both illustrating John's career and with a 70s theme, plus a few surprises.

Films, food, talk, and friends all day 9.30 – 5.00pm.

If you would like to be there please email me as soon as you can to book your places, we were very oversubscribed last time and many people were disappointed, £25 each whole day everything included in 10 weeks time Sat 28th April 2012

Only 80 places - 10 have gone already do please let me know as soon as you can space is limited.

New feature - the day will have a theme of the 1970s - in Goodwood tradition you might like to come dressed in 70s period style clothes? maybe in a 70s car as well? (not compulsory but a bit of fun! Do have a go, especially the ladies.)

Hard to believe but it should be warm by then and lunch will be a BBQ sat outside

We will also feature McLaren history on the day, more details will follow.

With our best wishes, don't delay on this one.

Richard and the team.

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If you are not already aware of the 'Nostalgia Forum', I suggest you visit the website at <http://forums.autosport.com/index.php?act=SF&s=&f=10>. Anyone can view, but to post you just need to follow the free registration process guided from top of the page.

I will post details of forthcoming shows in TRunnion and on our website, but in the meantime, please make a note of the next date - 20th October.

MOT CHANGES

This information was provided by Jon Marshall but just missed the previous issue of TRunnion. There has already been some discussion on the TR Forum and I suspect there will be quite a lot more as details emerge.

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The Government has proposed changes in MOT legislation that will affect all car owners – items that were not previously included in the test. Also it has asked for comment on a further proposal that would affect owners of older cars. The final version of the list of changes applicable to all vehicles is expected to be published very shortly. Likely inclusions are:

- Repairs/modifications to brakes, steering and suspension systems.
- Power steering fluid level; steering box oil leaks
- Steering locks
- Security of rear doors, locks and hinges
- ABS electrical systems
- Wiring integrity
- Condition of tow bars and their electrics*
- Drive shafts and their gaiters
- Ball joint dust covers
- Engine mountings

(I thought the last three items were already included).

*Even if the tow bar has been removed, if the socket is still there, the electrics have to be in order.

The proposals currently up for discussion are to remove the requirement for MOT testing of older vehicles. Three options for change are suggested:

1. Exempt all cars manufactured before 1960. (This appears to be the government's favoured option).
2. Exempt all cars manufactured before 1945
3. Exempt all cars manufactured before 1920

There is also a fourth option – retain the status quo.

Normally I would be in favour of anything that makes motoring cheaper but I have a number of concerns with this.

1. Might insurance companies feel that they are being exposed to more risk and increase premiums?
2. Although not suggested at present, might there be in the future accompanying restrictions, e.g. cars could only be used when going to or from a classic car event. I've heard rumours of such legislation applying on the continent. Another possible restriction could be a ban on using motorways.
3. Testing does have possible advantages. A skilled tester might spot something that an amateur might miss. Also some individuals are more prone to taking risks than others – "I'm a bit short of money at present. I'll put off buying new tyres for a couple of months".
4. If a non-tested car were to be involved in a fatal accident, what might be the reaction of certain parts of the media in search of sensational headlines?

The Department for Transport document can be found under

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-27>

This report has been put together using information contained in the Federation of British Historic vehicle Clubs newsletters.

Classified Adverts

If you have anything to sell/buy or lend/borrow, please email me and I will include it in the next TRunnion.

FOR SALE

1974 TR6 - Mimosa

Surrey top; custom-made mohair hood, original engine, fully rebuilt and unleaded; poly-bushed with Spax all round; up-rated drive shafts. MOT August **£13,500**
Tel: 01920-822728

Sealed beam headlights (used)

I have the following used items, recently tested and working on both dip and main beam.

- * 5 x Lucas (Lucas moulded into the glass, although some have 'OSRAM' stamped on the back)
- * 2 x CGE (Made in Canada)

All are RHD (dip-left) and were removed from my cars at least 30 years ago.

Take the lot (Seven) and never have to buy another ~~£30~~ (Cheaper than replacement H4 bulbs). **Reduced to: £25**

TR3A Bonnet

Early 2-slot bonnet without raised hinge pressings.

Excellent condition (apart from blue Hammerite paint). Includes the bonnet release lever. **£125**

Brian Chidwick (Contact details as on page 1)

Don't miss this...

THE WORKS TR4 RALLY CARS



A talk by Ian Cornish

Owner of 4VC since 1969, Vice President of the TR Register

Sunday 25th March – 1:45 for 2:00 pm

Knights Templar School, Park Street, Baldock, Herts SG7 6DZ

NGR: TL 243 336 (for those who use proper Ordnance Survey maps!)

So that we may know numbers, please reply to:

Brian Chidwick (email: bjmole1-trlvq@yahoo.co.uk)

Synopsis:

- A brief overview of the competition scene for Triumph TRs as it was in the late '50s and early '60s.
- What led to the formation of a new Works Competition Department at Triumph, how the TR4s were developed, the rallies in which they competed and the successes they achieved.
- What went into making a road car into a Rally car.
- How I was fortunate to buy 4VC - and what I discovered I had bought.
- The re-build of 4VC in the early 1990s and what that revealed.
- The rediscovery of 6VC and 3VC, and what has happened since.

The talk is illustrated with more than 150 photographs from the 1960s together with additional photographs and other material from the rebuild of 4VC in the early 1990s, and lasts about two hours (including a re-fuelling stop!).

SOME FEEDBACK ON THE TWO PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS:

Graham Robson: "Want to let you know that I enjoyed last evening's lecture very much indeed, and was vastly impressed by how fluent you were, and by the vast scope of the presentation".

Steve Rockingham: "wanted to congratulate you on a wonderful talk all about the Works TR4s."

Harry (TR5 Nutter) Dent: "a huge thank you from me. Really enjoyed your presentation."

Ian Freeman: "the evening was a total success!"

Mike Boling: "had loads of calls/emails from our members saying how much they enjoyed the evening."

Andy Dimbleby: "The feedback has been wonderful so thank you for such an interesting, informative and entertaining evening.....I don't know where the time went."

Essex Group Report: "The Group Leader said he had received only complimentary reports about the presentation – 'Brilliant', 'Fabulous', 'Engrossing', 'Entertaining' and 'The Mutt's Nuts' were some of the epithets used."

Please pass on this invitation to any classic car friends and fellow petrol-heads.

Any volunteers to help on the day would be very much appreciated.